

PLACER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTES

The Placer County Board of Supervisors met in a regular session at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 7, 2006, in the County Administrative Center, 175 Fulweiler Avenue, Auburn. Supervisors Santucci, Weygandt, Holmes and Gaines. Supervisor Kranz absent. Chairman Santucci presiding; Ann Holman, Clerk of the Board. Also present were County Executive Thomas Miller and County Counsel Anthony J. La Bouff.

PUBLIC COMMENT - Mechelle Buhan, Friends of the Animals, provided a history of the Auburn Animal Shelter and addressed the need for a new shelter. Rosemary Frieborn, Friends of the Animals, presented a salary comparison of Animal Control Officers and County positions and requested the Auburn Animal Shelter be a stand-alone department.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMITTEE REPORTS - None given.

CONSENT AGENDA - Items 2b, 4a, b and c, 7, 8, 9d, 11a and b were moved for discussion. Consent agenda approved, as amended, with action as indicated.

MOTION Gaines/Holmes/Unanimous VOTE 4:0 (Kranz absent)

1. **ORDINANCES** - Second reading:
 - a. Sheriff - Ordinance 5401-B adopted, amending Chapter 3, Section 3.12.010, Appendix 1, increasing the allocations in Sheriff's Department and Personnel Department.
2. **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**
 - a. Approved a proclamation dedicating the week of April 22-29, 2006 as "Creek Week" in Placer County, as requested by Supervisor Santucci and Supervisor Weygandt.
 - b. **MOVED FOR DISCUSSION** - Approve minutes of February 7, 2006.
 - c. Authorized a special meeting on Monday, April 3, 2006.
3. **COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER** - Approved the purchase of a high-density file system and bookshelf, in the amount of \$53,000, to hold restored historical records; approve a budget revision and the addition to the Fixed Asset List.
4. **COUNTY EXECUTIVE:**
 - a. **MOVED FOR DISCUSSION** - Approve merit increase for Jamie Edwards, Deputy County Counsel I, from Step 2 to Step 3, retroactive to June 24, 2005.
 - b. **MOVED FOR DISCUSSION** - Approve merit increase for Kristina Shramek, Deputy County Counsel II, from Step 3 to Step 4, retroactive to December 25, 2005.
 - c. **MOVED FOR DISCUSSION** - Introduction of an ordinance, amending Chapter 3, Sections 3.08.070 and 3.12.010, Appendix 1, Classification of Administrative Services Director and Allocation of Positions to Departments, for the Administrative Services Department.
5. **COUNTY EXECUTIVE/RISK MANAGEMENT** - Resolution 2006-44 adopted rejecting California State Association of Counties-Excess Insurance Authority (CSAC-EIA) proposed amendment to amend the Joint Powers Agreement bylaws to restructure the Excess Insurance Authority and include California Public Excess Insurance Authority public agencies in California as voting members of the CSAC-EIA.
6. **FACILITY SERVICES:**
 - a. Cabin Creek Public Works Operations & Maintenance Facility (Tahoe), Building Phase, Project #4625C - Approved plans and specifications and authorized staff to solicit bids.
 - b. Fulweiler Administrative Annex Renovation, Project #4646 - Resolution 2006-45 adopted accepting the project as complete and authorizing the Director of Facility Services to execute and record the Notice of Completion.
 - c. Granite Bay Parks, Trails & Open Space Assessment District - Resolution 2006-46 adopted directing the preparation of the FY 2006/07 Engineer's Report for the district.
 - d. Historic Courthouse Fire Alarm System, Project #4754 - Accepted a progress report and approved continuation of this project, pursuant to Section 22050 of the Public Contract Code and Section 1.3(n) of the Purchasing Policy Manual.

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- e. Lease Agreement - Authorized Facility Services to complete negotiations with The Gathering Inn, Inc., for Health and Human Services program space, located at 201 Berkeley Avenue in Roseville, CA, and authorized the Facility Services Director to execute.
- f. Recreational Area #12 (Dutch Flat) - Approved a budget revision appropriating \$27,391 in Park Dedication Fees from Recreation Area #12, to pay the outstanding loan balance from the County Service Area Revolving Fund for rehabilitation of the Dutch Flat Swimming Pool.
7. **MOVED FOR DISCUSSION/HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES/CHILDREN'S SYSTEM OF CARE** - Authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of support for Assembly Bill 1876, authored by Assemblyman Tim Leslie, establishing a pilot program to improve options for permanent family arrangements for foster children in Placer County.
8. **MOVED FOR DISCUSSION/PERSONNEL/CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION** - Introduction of an ordinance, amending Chapter 3, affecting classification and compensation for the Health & Human Services Department.
9. **PROCUREMENT SERVICES** - Authorized the Purchasing Manager to sign the following:
 - a. Purchase Order #12664, Safety Supplies/All Departments - Approved an increase to the blanket purchase order with Empire Safety, in the amount of \$36,000, for a new maximum amount of \$135,000, and approved a one-month extension.
 - b. Purchase Order, Vehicle Parts/Public Works - Approved blanket purchase order with Riebes Auto Parts, in the maximum amount of \$90,500.
 - c. Purchase Order, Vehicle Parts/Public Works - Approved blanket purchase order with Maita Ford, in the amount of \$53,000.
 - d. **MOVED FOR DISCUSSION/Request for Proposal #9010, Environmental Services/Planning Department** - Approve a one-year extension extending the qualified list through March 6, 2007.
10. **PUBLIC WORKS:**
 - a. Abandonment - Resolution 2006-47 adopted abandoning a portion of a snow storage easement on Lots 1 and 2, Squaw Valley East Subdivision.
 - b. Asphalt Concrete Overlay/Summer 2006, Contract #73210, RSTP Funded, Federal & Project #STPL-5919(60) - Approved project specifications and authorized the Department to advertise for bids.
 - c. Asphalt Concrete Overlay Placer County, Summer 2006, Contract #73235 - Approved project specifications and authorized the Department to advertise for bids.
 - d. Signal Installation at Auburn-Folsom Road & Fuller Drive, Contract #73234 - Resolution 2006-48 adopted authorizing the Chairman to sign a contract with Willdan, in the amount of \$50,318, for construction management, inspection and materials testing services for signal installation, and authorized the Public Works Director to approve contract amendments, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.
11. **REVENUE SHARING:**
 - a. **MOVED FOR DISCUSSION/Approve appropriation of \$500 in Revenue Sharing monies to the Markham Ravine, 3rd Annual Creek Week, as requested by Supervisor Weygandt and Supervisor Holmes (\$250 each).**
 - b. **MOVED FOR DISCUSSION/Approve appropriation of \$650 in Revenue Sharing monies to the Hispanic Empowerment Association of Roseville for the 6th Annual Cesar E. Chavez Youth Leadership Conference, as requested by Supervisor Santucci (\$200), Supervisor Weygandt (\$200) and Supervisor Holmes (\$250).**

End of Consent Agenda

The following items were moved for discussion:

2. **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**
 - b. Approved minutes of February 7, 2006.
MOTION Holmes/Weygandt/Unanimous VOTE 4:0 (Kranz absent)

Michael Murphy, Libertarian Party, inquired if the Board minutes were posted on line for review. He spoke about how scant the minute information was and that sometimes his comments, whether for an item or against an item, are not stated in the minutes. Thomas Miller, County

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Executive, explained that the minutes are summary minutes that are not verbatim. There are tapes of the meetings. Mr. Murphy suggested adding more detail regarding whether the party was for or against an issue.

4. COUNTY EXECUTIVE:

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Michael Murphy, Libertarian Party, stated he saw a problem with the merit increases considering there is a \$17 million shortfall coming up. Thomas Miller, County Executive Officer, advised that the merit increases are within the department budget.

- c. Ordinance introduced, first reading waived, amending Chapter 3, Sections 3.08.070 and 3.12.010, Appendix 1, Classification of Administrative Services Director and Allocation of Positions to Departments, for the Administrative Services Department.

MOTION Holmes/Gaines/Unanimous VOTE 4:0 (Kranz absent)

Michael Murphy, Libertarian Party, asked for the details of the action. Thomas Miller, County Executive Officer, advised the classification of Administrative Services Director was to take the portion of oversight of Redevelopment out and add it to one of the County Executive positions. The other positions in the Administrative Services Departments deal with Management Technology Services. Mr. Miller suggested Mr. Murphy review the staff reports before the meetings to obtain details. Mr. Murphy inquired if there was any fiscal impact and was advised there was not.

7. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES/CHILDREN'S SYSTEM OF CARE - Authorized the Chairman to sign a letter of support for Assembly Bill 1876, authored by Assemblyman Tim Leslie, establishing a pilot program to improve options for permanent family arrangements for foster children in Placer County. MOTION Holmes/Gaines/Unanimous VOTE 4:0 (Kranz absent)

Michael Murphy, Libertarian Party, was opposed to requesting funding from the State, who has no funding, and asking them to spend an additional \$100,000 on welfare programs. He did not see anywhere in the Bill that this would save the County money. Thomas Miller, County Executive Officer, advised that there is a presentation by Health & Human Services on the plight of foster children and their inability to receive services after the age of 18. The assemblyman has come forward with a pilot program in an attempt to take care of the foster children. The idea is to address these concerns before they become very expensive criminal justice and mental health issues.

8. PERSONNEL/CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION - Ordinance introduced, first reading waived, amending Chapter 3, affecting classification and compensation for the Health & Human Services Department. MOTION Holmes/Weygandt/Unanimous VOTE 4:0 (Kranz absent)

Michael Murphy, Libertarian Party, asked about the fiscal impact. Thomas Miller, County Executive Officer, replied that the request involves several positions. If there is a budget impact, the item will come back to the Board via the Department. All and any cost would be absorbed within the Department's existing budget.

9. PROCUREMENT SERVICES - Authorized the Purchasing Manager to sign the following:

- d. Request for Proposal #9010, Environmental Services/Planning Department - Approved a one-year extension extending the qualified list through March 6, 2007.

MOTION Holmes/Weygandt/Unanimous VOTE 4:0 (Kranz absent)

Michael Murphy, Libertarian Party, asked for details on the action requested. Thomas Miller, County Executive Officer, advised that various departments go out to bid for consultant services. These are firms qualified to do specific types of work. The list is utilized as needed.

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Michael Murphy, Libertarian Party, stated the donation to Creek Week was ridiculous. In his opinion, this was none of the County's business. Regarding item 11b, he felt the Association should go out to the public and collect funds. He felt the Board was stealing his tax money, without his permission, and giving it to charities that he might not support.

Anthony La Bouff, County Counsel, asked Mr. Murphy if he was aware that the agenda is printed and asked if he had access to it. Mr. La Bouff suggested he read the agenda material so that he would be informed of the details before the meeting. Most of the questions he has asked are included in the staff report. Mr. Murphy advised he wanted the information to be public.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES/PROCUREMENT – Authorized the Purchasing Manager to sign the following:

- a. Bid #9525, Roadside Vegetation Clearing/Public Works - Awarded bid to Arborwell Professional Tree Management, in the maximum amount of \$200,000.
MOTION Weygandt/Holmes/Unanimous VOTE 4:0 (Kranz absent)
- b. Purchase, Software Licensing/Information Technology - Approved purchase of site licensing (software) for the eighth year, from Oracle Corporation, in the amount of \$206,009.06.
MOTION Weygandt/Holmes/Unanimous VOTE 4:0 (Kranz absent)
- c. Purchase, Compressed Natural Gas (CNG)/Public Works - Approved blanket purchase order with Pacific Gas & Electric, in the maximum amount of \$138,000, for CNG used as a motor vehicle fuel. MOTION Holmes/Gaines/Unanimous VOTE 4:0 (Kranz absent)

ADJOURNED AS THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND CONVENED AS THE IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PUBLIC AUTHORITY

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES/PROCUREMENT – Authorized the Purchasing Manager to sign the following:

- a. Insurance Contract/In-Home Supportive Services – Approved funding for a second year of a two-year insurance contract with Symetra Life Insurance Company, in the maximum amount of \$780,000, for homecare.
MOTION Weygandt/Holmes/Unanimous VOTE 3:0 (Kranz absent, Gaines temporarily absent)

Dave Seward, Procurement Manager, explained that on February 9, 2005, the Board approved a two-year contract for employer paid insurance programs for individuals employed to supply in-home support services. The first year funding was \$785,040.

ADJOURNED AS THE IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PUBLIC AUTHORITY AND RECONVENED AS THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY EXECUTIVE/EMERGENCY SERVICES – Resolution 2006-49 adopted approving FY 2005/06 contract with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, in the amount of \$3,505,546, for fire protection in unincorporated Placer County.
MOTION Holmes/Weygandt/Unanimous VOTE 4:0 (Kranz absent)

Rui Cunha, Office of Emergency Services Program Manager, stated the contract represents less than a 10% increase over last year. It is the last year of negotiated pay increases for California Department of Forestry (CDF) employees that were negotiated in 2001. Staff expects to see a reduction, especially in the Amador portion of the contract. There are no built in increases in service levels in the contract. At the next Board meeting, staff will be requesting direction from the Board regarding creation of a zone of benefit, along with an amendment to this contract, adding service levels from April through the end of June.

Supervisor Santucci stated Placer County provides fire protection by contracting with CDF. Mr. Cunha added that through this contract, CDF runs six fully staffed stations, along with assisting the County with six community-based volunteer stations throughout Placer County, including one at the City of Colfax. Rui Cunha explained that the Amador portion of the contract is with the State and includes three fully staffed stations: Station 10 (Bowman), the Colfax Station and the Alta Station. Supervisor

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Santucci added that the County has received excellent service from CDF. Supervisor Gaines questioned the contract amount and the 9.7% increase.

Gary Brittner, Acting Unit Chief, Consolidated Department of Forestry, Placer County Fire Department, explained that the employees work 72 hours consecutively. The Federal Fair Labor Standard Act governs how to pay individuals who work a continuous work in excess of 40 hours. Supervisor Gaines inquired if the increases could be expected annually. Mr. Brittner advised this is the last year for this set of negotiated rate changes. Next year, the rate of pay for Placer County firefighters will be the same as this year. The exception will be a reduction in the cost for the Amador portion of the contract by approximately \$200,000. The Amador Plan, adopted through legislation 25-30 years ago, allows the State to contract with local government agencies to provide fire protection and staff-negotiated fire stations, such as our Auburn, Colfax or Alta Fire Stations. Local government pays the marginal costs of equipment, facilities and utilities in exchange for the year-round fire service while not paying the base salary. Due to changes in the Amador Plan, CDF will not have a marginal cost to keep firefighters on a 24-hour shift. The labor cost will be reduced substantially for full-time CDF employees. The County will pick up the entire cost of seasonal fires to supplement CDF staffing. Next year, the contract will include Placer Consolidated. The contract will be significantly increased because of this service area. However, comparing the two contracts, there will be a reduction in next year's contract by approximately \$200,000.

Chairman Santucci added that the additional funding would come from property taxes from a special district fund appropriated through the North Auburn Fire Department. The funds will go to the County and then to CDF. There will be no increase to the General Fund.

Supervisor Holmes stated it was a great collaboration and a great value to Placer County. He looked forward to the integration of Consolidated Fire at the end of April.

Michael Murphy, Libertarian Party, asked for clarification regarding firefighters being staffed 72 hours straight. He inquired if they were being paid overtime for sleeping during that time. Rui Cunha replied that they are fully available to the public and are paid accordingly.

FACILITY SERVICES - Resolution 2006-50 adopted, as amended, endorsing the Greenprint Initiative to guide Placer County in enhancing the County's tree management program and designating the Department of Facility Services as coordinating department for implementation of the program.

MOTION Gaines/Weygandt/Unanimous VOTE 4:0 (Kranz absent)

Albert Richie, Facility Services, announced that today was Arbor Day in California. The Greenprint Program is an initiative stating that Placer County supports tree canopy and recognizes the benefit of trees. Currently, there are programs consistent with the initiative. The County has been involved with several private public partnerships. Some evidence of their work is along the County property on Nevada Street, in the DeWitt area, along Atwood Road, in the Granite Bay area, at the Granite Bay Community Park and the Ronald L. Feist Park. This action does not commit the Board to any ordinance changes or additional expenditures. The level of involvement is up to the Board. The Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) supports the initiative. Mr. Richie advised that there has been a concern raised about whether the initiative contradicts some of the wild land fire issues. He amended the resolution on the second whereas of the resolution, Page 142 of the agenda, adding language as follows: "consistent with County fuel load reduction programs and wild fire prevention priorities".

Supervisor Gaines thanked Mr. Richie for his presentation, indicating it makes a lot of business sense. The program could save as much as 30% annually on summer cooling. It contributes to cleaner air, helps with erosion control and at no cost to an applicant.

Connie Gallippi, Sacramento Tree Foundation, Greenprint Program Director, provided the Board handout information. She thanked Supervisor Gaines for his involvement in the Program and she encouraged the Board to be a part of the regional vision.

Michael Murphy, Libertarian Party, commented about trees being an expense in which we could not possibly save enough money energy wise to compensate for the amount of damage a tree can cause to a structure in its lifetime. He felt Placer County did not need to spend any more money on trees. Usually, there is already a provision within the development to add trees. In his opinion SACOG is a socialist program and a huge waste of taxpayers money. He is against programs that will cost more money.

Jean Pliska, a certified Arborist, representing The Placer Tree Partners, supported the program, stating they are very concerned about the trees and spoke about the benefits.

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Chairman Santucci stated the County supports planting trees and shrubs in developments. The big advantage with the Program is planting the proper trees in the right areas.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES/ADULT SYSTEM OF CARE - Approved agreement with the State Department of Mental Health, in the amount of \$523,060, for State hospital bed usage during FY 2005/06. MOTION Gaines/Holmes/Unanimous VOTE 4:0 (Kranz absent)

Maureen Bauman, Adult System of Care Director, stated that Placer County is responsible for establishing community mental health services and the cost of the services. Placer County is committed to providing an integrated and coordinated range of service to meet the needs of clients, including the State hospital. The hospital is designed as the highest level of care for those individuals who need to be in longer term locked psychiatric programs. The number of beds remains at 4. The stabilization is due to staff's efforts to effectively manage the costly service. Consequently, this is a reduced amount of \$160,000 over last year. Placer County is committed to exhausting all other possible levels of service prior to the recommendation of a State hospital placement.

Thomas Miller, County Executive Officer, applauded Health & Human Services for working to reduce the costs, recognizing this is a very expensive per bed cost.

Christie Barrus, Rocklin resident, inquired if there was a 15-year plan; stating these costs are minimal compared to what the costs will be in the future. There was discussion regarding educating the public. Chairman Santucci advised Ms. Barrus that staff would contact her with the requested information. Supervisor Holmes stated there is an increased awareness and that the only way we can fix the health care system in the United States is to take better care of ourselves.

Michael Murphy, Libertarian Party, said that when people have governmental services available, they tend to rely on the government to take care of them. We need to have privately funded preventative measures in place. Supervisor Gaines encouraged faith-based communities to get more involved as part of their mission and stated he was not opposed to public partnerships.

Thomas Miller, County Executive, added that the item before the Board is regarding a contract that is decreasing in cost for severely disabled people who could be harmful to themselves or others.

Anthony La Bouff, County Counsel, advised that part of his office's service is representing Health & Human Services and the Courts in these matters. The people that end up in the State mental hospital are severely disabled, can be any age, and cannot take care of themselves. The government has no control of the situation. Someone needs to take care of them.

Supervisor Weygandt stated that Placer County is one of two counties in the State that have special legislation that allows us to be much more flexible in dealing with these types of issues. This equates to a huge cost savings and much better results.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES/ADULT SYSTEM OF CARE - Amended six contracts with various agencies for the current fiscal year, totaling \$141,000, to manage substance abuse treatment services. MOTION Weygandt/Gaines/Unanimous VOTE 4:0 (Kranz absent)

Maureen Bauman, Adult System of Care Director, said the six contract amendments would provide necessary adjustments to existing contracts to maximize available funding and to respond to increased service needs in critical areas. In Placer County, many people are living productive lives as a result of recovery from alcoholism and drug addiction. Thirteen hundred citizens have received services from the County's Substance Abuse Treatment Programs and contract providers during the last year. The Drug Court Program saved 8,030 prison bed days for persons completing the program. Thirty percent were employed when they entered the program and 80 percent were employed when they exited the program. In addition, the Drug Court Program indicates that criminal behavior is decreased by 80 percent over time. The Proposition 36 Program estimated that there were 75,650 jail bed days saved as a result of successfully completing the program. Research shows that with treatment, alcohol related medical visits and criminal activity decrease while financial self-sufficiency improves and treatment has been proven to be cost effective. Research estimates that for every dollar spent on treatment, \$12 is saved in reduced crime and health care cost.

Supervisor Gaines requested copies of the various studies mentioned by staff.

Michael Murphy, Libertarian Party, asked what the requirements were to qualify for the program. Maureen Bauman replied that the Alcohol and Drug Programs offer services with a sliding scale for fees.

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REDEVELOPMENT – Removed as requested by staff. Public hearing to consider adoption of a State required resolution to apply for the 2005/06 State Community Development Over the Counter Block Grant, in the amount of \$550,000, and authorize the Chief Assistant CEO-Redevelopment Director or designee to act on all matters pertaining to this application.

MOTION Holmes/Weygandt/Unanimous VOTE 4:0 (Kranz absent)

Rich Colwell, Chief Assistant County Executive, advised there has been a request that this item be withdrawn. Staff was preparing a grant to assist a private sector business to build in a redevelopment area. The owner of the business was not able to provide the required financial data in a timely manner.

REDEVELOPMENT – Removed as requested by staff. Public hearing to consider adoption of a resolution approving the Community Development Block Grant Program Income Reuse Plan.

MOTION Holmes/Weygandt/Unanimous VOTE 4:0 (Kranz absent)

Rich Colwell, Chief Assistant County Executive, reported that this item was related to the previous item. In order to provide matching funds, staff was going to have to readjust the program income reuse plan. Since the first item has been withdrawn, this request is no longer necessary.

Lynn Estes, resident, highly opposed any public funds going toward a controversial project, in this case, Harley Davidson. She expressed concern about two day care, pre-school centers located within 300 feet of the proposed project.

COUNTY COUNSEL/CLOSED SESSION REPORT:

(A) §54956.9 - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

(1) Existing Litigation:

- (a) Mountain Area Preservation Foundation, Sierra Watch vs. County of Placer (Siller Ranch), Placer County Superior Court Case No.: SCV17902 – *The Board had discussion with Counsel and gave direction to Counsel.*
- (b) Mountain Area Preservation Foundation, Sierra Watch vs. County of Placer (Hopkins Ranch) – *The Board had discussion with Counsel and gave direction to Counsel.*

(2) Anticipated Litigation *The Board became aware of the lawsuit involving the Project Transit Center in Tahoe City being filed in Federal Court. That matter will be handled by Rick Crabtree, Special Counsel for the County of Placer already retained for that purpose. The Board also authorized the retention of special counsel for the County Treasurer for the benefit of the FERC Relicensing cost for the JPA recently discussed with the Board of Supervisors.*

- (a) Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Government Code §54956.9: two potential cases.

(B) §54957.6 - CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR – *The Board had extensive discussion with its Labor Negotiators with regards to issues involving both PPEO and DSA.*

Agency negotiator: CEO/Personnel Director

Employee organization: PPEO/DSA

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business, the Board adjourned. Next regular meeting is Tuesday, March 21, 2006.

ATTEST:

Ann Holman
Clerk of the Board

Bill Santucci, Chairman
Placer County Board of Supervisors

Kathy Zick
Supervising Board Clerk

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